

Senate Study Bill 3136 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC GROWTH BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON HART)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the provision of financial assistance from
2 the nuisance property remediation fund.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 15.338, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2016,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 2. The authority shall use moneys in the fund to provide
4 financial assistance to cities for the remediation of nuisance
5 properties and abandoned buildings and other structures. Such
6 financial assistance may include grants, loans, or forgivable
7 loans. The authority may provide financial assistance under
8 this section using a competitive scoring process.

9 3. In providing financial assistance under this section,
10 the authority may:

11 a. Shall dedicate at least twenty-five percent of the moneys
12 provided under this section during each fiscal year to cities
13 with populations of less than one thousand as shown by the most
14 recent federal decennial census.

15 b. Shall give priority to cities that actively participate
16 in community development planning and programs with a council
17 of government as described in section 28H.1.

18 c. May give priority to cities with severe blighted areas,
19 widespread dilapidated housing stock, or high rates of low or
20 moderate income residents.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill relates to the provision of financial assistance
25 from the nuisance property remediation fund. Under current
26 law, the economic development authority (authority) is
27 allowed to provide loans or forgivable loans to cities for the
28 remediation of nuisance properties and abandoned buildings
29 and to give priority to cities with severe blighted areas,
30 dilapidated housing stock, and high rates of low or moderate
31 income residents.

32 Under the bill, the authority is allowed to provide grants
33 to cities for the same purposes, and is required to dedicate
34 at least 25 percent of all moneys awarded from the fund each
35 fiscal year to cities with populations of less than 1,000.

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1 The bill also requires that the authority give priority in
2 providing financial assistance to cities that participate in
3 community development planning and programs with a council of
4 government.